

Election on question of subscription, &c.

How held.

County commissioners to make subscriptions, issue bonds, &c.

Special tax.

Grant of public highway through White Oak swamp.

determine, upon the application of at least five freeholders of said town or township in writing asking said commissioners to submit the question of said subscription to the voters of said town or township; that no subscription shall be made by any town or township until the question of approval or disapproval of such subscription, the issue of coupon bonds and the levy of taxes to pay the same shall be submitted to all the qualified voters of said town or township and shall be approved by a majority of the said voters. The manner and procedure of calling and holding such elections shall be the same as is provided in this act for election by the counties of Jones and Onslow for a similar purpose, and shall in such cases be under the control and direction of the said commissioners in each and every step as if it were an election by one of said counties. In case any town or township shall in the manner above provided approve of the proposition to subscribe so submitted to them, it shall be the duty of the chairman of the board of commissioners of the county in which the same is situated to make the subscription in behalf of the said town or township and to execute and issue in the name of said town or township the bonds as in case of said counties of said town or township, and the said commissioners shall have the same power to levy and collect taxes of said town or township to pay the interest and principal of said bonds as is herein given them in case of a subscription by the said counties.

SEC. 23. That to further facilitate the construction of the said railroad the county commissioners of Jones and Onslow counties are hereby authorized to grant and transfer the public highway in their respective counties leading through the said White Oak swamp tract of land to the said East Carolina Land and Railway Company upon such terms as the said county commissioners and said East Carolina Land and Railway Company may agree upon: *Provided*, that the assent in writing of the